

Request for Funds-Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club/Rotary Club of Sanibel-Captiva Trust

Excerpts from the request

Describe the Organization's mission and focus:

Sanibel Community House's mission is, "to enrich community spirit through educational, cultural, & social events in our Historic Community House." Sanibel Community House is the heart and soul of the Islands. Founded in 1927, the Community House serves as a central gathering place for civic and social activities. Over 57 organizations bring over 50,000 people to the Community House every year.

The Community House is truly the meeting place for ALL people on the islands who are welcomed with open arms to everything from mini-golf to Halloween trick or treating to lectures and, of course, the iconic Shell Festival nearing its 80th year.

The Community House brings together a very diverse group of people of all ages and backgrounds in a secular setting to celebrate various aspects of life on the islands. Visitors from all over the world as well as island residents and renters are all welcomed.

Describe the event or project for which you are requesting funds and how specifically Rotary's funds will be used as well as how the project will benefit your organization and the community.

The total amount requested is \$75,000.

\$50,000 will be applied to the renovation and construction of the Community House stage, stage fittings, lift, and stage curtain. The Community House will refer to the stage as the ROTARY STAGE on Community House contracts and literature in a consistent manner for as long as is feasible, but for a minimum of ten years. This will develop a brand identity immediately upon completion of the renovated facility. A Sanibel-Captiva Rotary "plaque" or "identifying marker" will be installed on the front of the stage.

\$5,000 will be applied to an educational program specifically designed for children developed to teach food related life skills. A quote from the California Department of Education, "Children are increasingly the caretakers of their own nutrition. In one survey, 87 percent of the fourth through eight graders sampled said that they cook or make some of their own meals. Eighty-three percent said they sometimes prepare their own snacks and eight out of ten sometimes cook or make their own breakfast. Children who don't know how to cook often rely on packaged foods of questionable nutritional quality. With the advent of ultra-convenience foods, some food experts worry that we are raising a generation of non-cooks, skilled only in using the microwave to heat ready-prepared food."

ROTARY OF SANIBEL-CAPTIVA TRUST BOARD RECOMMENDATION - \$15,000 each year for a total of five years.

- **There was a great deal of positive energy in the room after Teresa made her presentation regarding the Community House request for the funding of the renovation and restoration of the Community House.**
- **ROTARIAN, Joel Ospa PP, suggested the club raise the requested amount to \$100,000.**
- **SNOW-BIRD ROTARIAN, Colonel Harke believed so much in this project that he immediately pledged \$5,000 (of his own personal funds) to the Community House Capital Campaign.**
- **Although club Rotarians were not be asked to vote last week, a non-binding hand-vote was taken regarding the request for funding by the Sanibel Community Association/Sanibel Community House and a large majority of Sanibel-Captiva Rotarians favored granting this request. DISCUSSION AND VOTE SCHEDULED TODAY AT CLUB ASSEMBLY.**
- **A financial breakdown of stage construction was requested by some members and Teresa agreed to get them to us today. DISCUSSION AND VOTING ON THE COMMUNITY HOUSE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR THE RENOVATION AND RESTORATION IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE TODAY.**

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT THE SANIBEL COMMUNITY HOUSE IS SUCCESSFUL IN RAISING THE \$3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THIS RENOVATION AND RESTORATION BY MID-APRIL OF THIS YEAR.

CONSTRUCTION CAN THEN BEGIN IN OFF-SEASON AND BE UP AND RUNNING BY THE LATE FALL. TO-DATE THE THEIR CAPTIAL CAMPAIGN HAS RAISED APPPROXIMATELY \$1.5 MILLION DOLLARS.

Another aspect of the Community House project is the "Cooking with the Island Stars" fundraiser.



Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00pm "Cooking with the Islands' Stars", where five-local-home chefs compete live on stage for the coveted title of "Cooking with the Islands' Stars" champion 2016. The fun begins, when the Chefs prepare their best family, favorite family, or unique recipe on the Community House stage before an audience of discerning foodies and a three-member judging panel. Proceeds from "Cooking with the Islands' Stars" will be earmarked directly for the purchasing of professional-grade kitchen & catering equipment for the new Community House Kitchen. **BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW...\$100PP.** CALL THE COMMUNITY HOUSE FOR DETAILS. **\$150PP VIP TICKETS – seats up front at tasting tables.**

Sanibel-Captiva ROTARIAN, John Danner will be one of the five Chefs on stage.

Sponsored by Sanibel-Captiva Rotary. [Buy your tickets now for this fun fundraising event.](#)



NEITHER RAIN, NOR WIND, NOR DARK OF NIGHT...
 COULD STOP OUR CLUB PIG ROAST, LAST FRIDAY NIGHT.
 PARTY HARDY WAS THE MANTRA OF ALL. GREAT FOOD, GREAT
 FELLOWSHIP, GREAT TIME, & GREAT NIGHT. **THANK YOU TO
 OUR HOSTS...SUSAN & CHET SADLER & PIG ROASTER, CHRIS
 DECASTA**